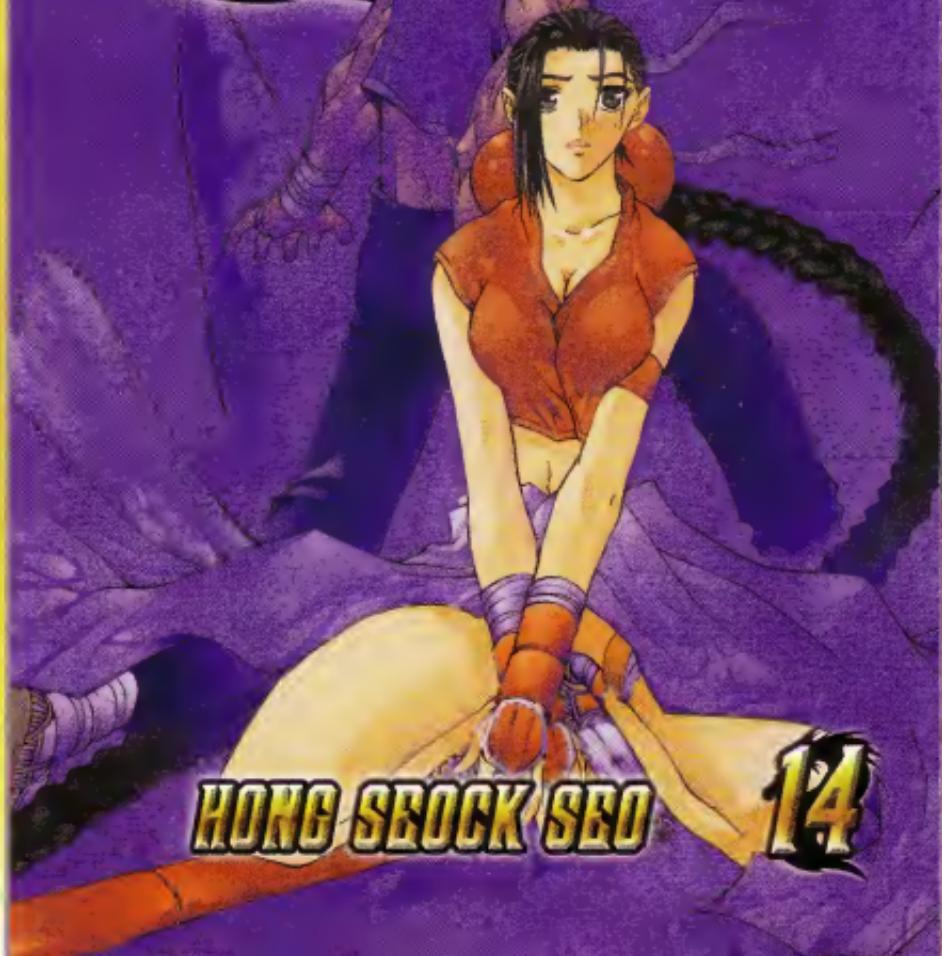


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THE STORY THUS FAR

SEUR-CHONG IS AN ELITE (AND CASH-OBSSESSED) DRAGON HUNTER WHO, DUE TO AN INVOLUNTARY INFUSION OF DRAGON'S BLOOD, POSSESSES INCREDIBLE STRENGTH AND DURABILITY...ALONG WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY SHORTENED LIFESPAN. SEUR-CHONG'S PARTNER, MYUNG-HO, IS A SHAMAN WHO CAN USE MAGIC TO CONTROL DRAGONS--AND THUS MAKE THEM EASIER TO KILL.

NOT LONG AGO, DURING A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT DRAGON HUNT, THE CHUNJOO--A MYSTERIOUS AND POWERFUL DRAGON-HUNTING GANG THAT DOESN'T TOLERATE COMPETITION--INTERFERED AND MORTALLY WOUNDED MYUNG-HO.

SEEING ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE MYUNG-HO'S LIFE, SEUR-CHONG GAVE HIS DYING FRIEND A DRINK OF DRAGON'S BLOOD. THE YOUNG SHAMAN'S STRENGTH WAS RESTORED, BUT NOW MYUNG-HO MUST ENDURE THE DREADED DRAGON'S CURSE: POWER THAT WILL EVENTUALLY COST HIM HIS LIFE. MYUNG-HO HAS ALREADY MANIFESTED AN INCREDIBLE "SECOND SIGHT"...SEEN THROUGH A MONSTRous THIRD EYE IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD!

IN A RECENT ATTEMPT BY THE DUO TO END THE DRAGON'S CURSE BY SLAYING THE DRAGON GOO, SEVERAL LIYEs WERE LOST AND REVELATIONS WERE FOUND--ONE OF THEM BEING THAT THE DAECHANG-NIM (LEADER OF THE GROUP OF ASSASSINS KNOWN AS THE CHUNJOO) WAS ACTUALLY SEUR-CHUN--SEUR-CHONG'S FATHER.

ANOTHER REVELATION WAS THAT RU-AHN'S FATHER WAS KILLED BY SEUR-CHUN, AND SHE HAD IN FACT BEEN SEEKING THE MOMENT TO STRIKE AND AVENGE HIM ALL THESE YEARS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE MOMENT PRESENTED ITSELF, SHE COULDNT' BRING HERSELF TO DO IT.

SOON AFTER, SEUR-CHUN LEARNED THAT ASSISTING SEUR-CHONG IN HIS HUNT FOR THE DRAGON GOO PUT BOTH OF THEM AND ALL OF THEIR ASSOCIATES ON THE CHUNJOO'S MOST WANTED LIST. SEUR-CHUN IMMEDIATELY ALERTED SEUR-CHONG AND COMPANY AND RETURNED TO HIS KAYA BRANCH OF THE CHUNJOO TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING ATTACK. HOWEVER, WHEN HE AND RU-AHN ARRIVED, THEY WERE GREETED BY DANG-PO (A POWERFUL CHUNJOO ASSASSIN) AND WAL-HYANG AND HYUN-JONG, TWO OF HIS ASSISTANTS.

AFTER RU-AHN AND WAL-HYANG ENGAGED IN A KNOCKDOWN-DRAGOUT FIGHT, DANG-PO BEGAN TO REVEAL THE ORIGIN OF HIS DEEP-SEATED HATRED OF SEUR-CHUN. DANG-PO STATED THAT SEUR-CHUN, A WOMAN NAMED DAN-BI, AND HE WERE ALL ONCE COMRADES IN THE YONG-CHUN. AFTER SEUR-CHUN LEFT THEM FOR THE CHUNJOO, DANG-PO AND DAN-BI FOLLOWED HIM OUT OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY. UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER OF THOSE QUALITIES PREPARED THEM FOR THEIR BATTLE WITH A LIGHTNING DRAGON. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT ALTERED THE COURSE OF ALL THEIR LIYEs FOREVER...



About Dragon Hunter, Part 14

Hello, Dragon Hunter fans! Hong Seock here with Volume 14! Well, we're finally here--Seur-Chong confronts the Chunjoo in this volume! I placed the Chunjoo headquarters in Shi-La because it was the strongest of the three countries that now form the Korea we know today. Shi-La was an important center of culture, commerce and power. So, I thought it was just common sense to have the Chunjoo set up base there...but then again, maybe that was too on the nose. Well, there is another reason for it...but I'll let you keep reading and all will be revealed!

Enjoy the issue! See you next time!

Hong Seock



CHAPTER 77
THE SHUNJOO
PART 2



IT'S THE
FOUR DEADLY
GUARDIANS!!

WELL... YOU GUYS DON'T
LOOK EVIL AT ALL...
SERIOUSLY THOUGH ALL
YOU HENCHMAN NINJAS
MUST SHOP AT THE SAME
"BAD GUY" SHOP. I MEAN
ALL BLACK? YEAH, IF IT
WASN'T, LIKE, DAYTIME,
IT MIGHT MAKE FOR NICE
CAMOUFLAGE.



WAII! I KNOW
THIS PUNCH LINE
THEY'RE "SILENT"
BUT DEADLY?
RIGHT EITHER
WAY THESE
GUYS AREN'T FOR
HOT SETTING
PRESENTED AT
MY JADE







"ENERGY? PERHAPS, IT IS A NATURAL FORCE THAT BOILS OUR INSIDES WITH OH, SO GLORIOUS POWER—

THESE GUYS ARE DEFINITELY AS STRONG AS SEL-CHONG AND DAECHANG-NIN! HECK-MAYBE EVEN STRONGER!

OH, OKAY. NOW I SEE HOW IT IS! WHEN I'M FLAT ON MY BACK, YOU TWO CREEPS CAN'T SHUT YOUR YAPS!

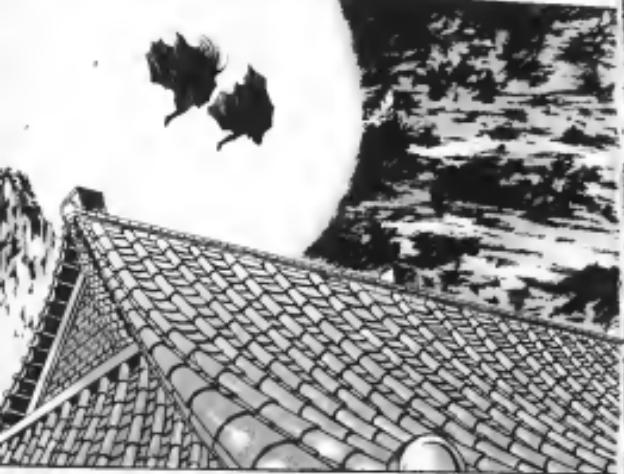
THIS ISN'T A GAME, SEUR-CHONG! THEIR ENERGY IS AS STRONG AS DAECHANG-NIN?

YOU REMEMBER MY SHAMAN, SA-WIR WELL. I HELPED HER DIG UP HER PAST, TOO.

AND WHAT SHE DISCOVERED SHOCKED HER... AS IT UNDoubtedly WILL YOU.

SA-NI IS YOUR YOUNGER SISTER.

EMPHASIS, GOSH-MO-
EYED!





IS WYUNG-HO
RIGHT? ARE
YOU DRAGON
HUNTERS?
HAVE YOU TWO
BEEN CURSED?



IS THAT
WHAT YOU HAVE
THOSE FANGY-
LOOKING ADAMS?



WHAT!
HOW IT
MAKES
SENSE!

I GET IT!
IT'S THE
THUNDER
DRAGON'S
CURSE!
THEY'RE
CURSED LIKE
(DANG-PO!)



BUT TO
ELABORATE
FURTHER WOULD
BE AN EXERCISE
IN FUTILITY...
MUCH LIKE
EXPLAINING IT
TO THE BLOATED
CORPSE OF
A MANGY
DOG.



WHAT? MAN...
WHO ISN'T CURSED
THESE DAYS?
ENOUGH OF THIS.
WHO ARE YOU
JERKS?

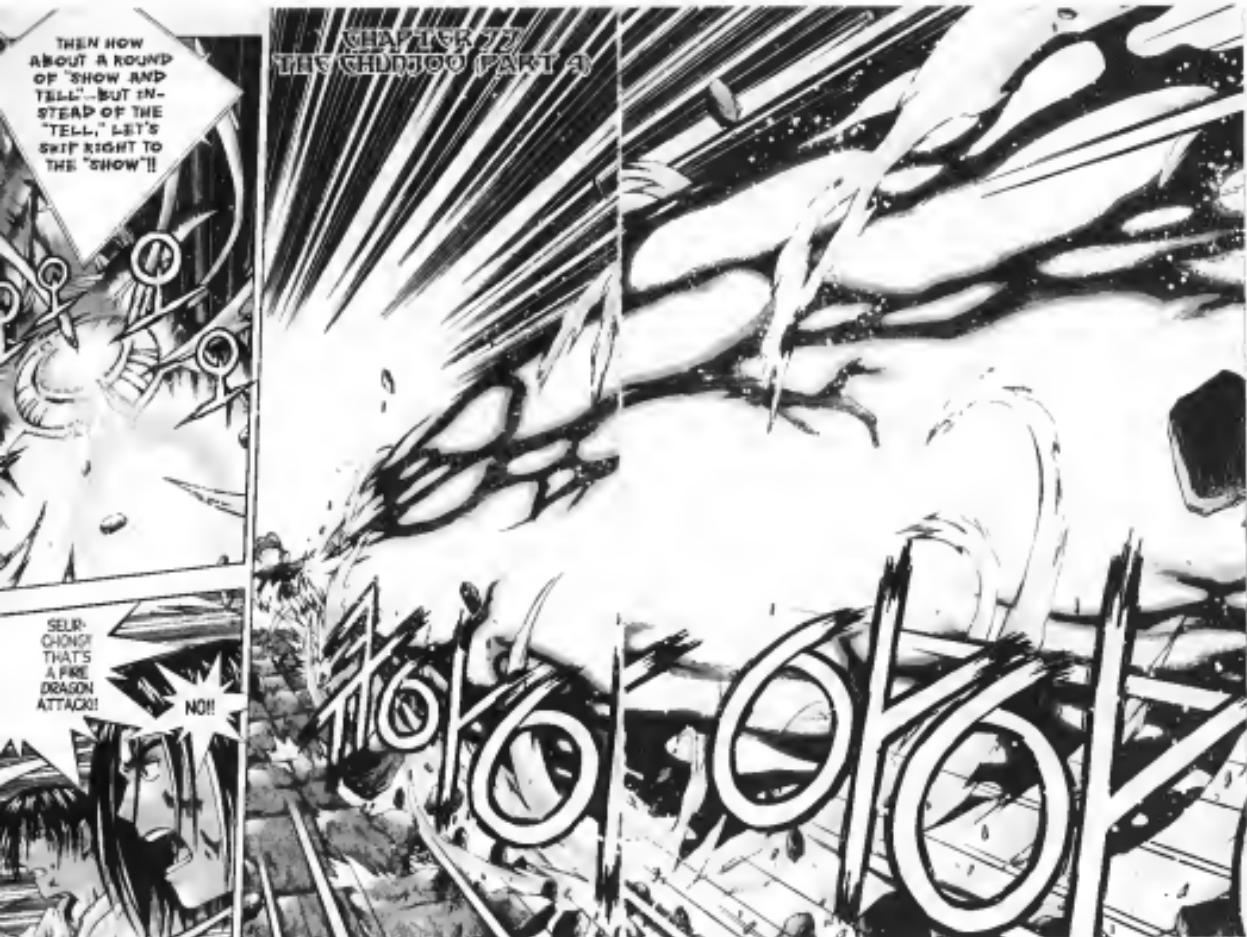


BLOATED
DOG! MANGY!
EXERCISE!

DUKE! I THINK
WE JUST
CALLED ME A
DEAD DOG!

THEN HOW
ABOUT A ROUND
OF "SHOW AND
TELL"?—BUT IN-
STEAD OF THE
"TELL," LET'S
SKIP RIGHT TO
THE "SHOW"!!

CHAPTER 22
THE CHIBOO (PART 3)











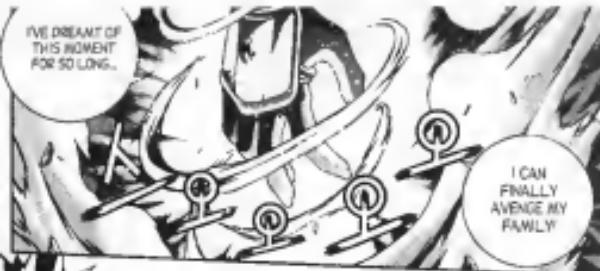




CHAPTER 77
THE CHINJOO (PART 5)









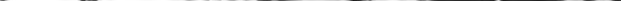
THAT MAY BE YOUR DYING WISH, BUT I CAN'T GRANT IT! THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE TO Avenge MY FATHER

AHEM. AS INTRIGUING AS THIS LITTLE DRAMA IS, I MUST CUT IT SHORT. MY DRAGON MEN ARE GETTING MOST IMPATIENT...























RAIN OF
FIRE!!





CHAPTER 72
THE CHUMOO (PART 7)







DAWNIT, RU-AHN!
I TOLD YOU TO
GET OUT OF
HERE! YOUR
SKILLS ARE NO
MATCH FOR HER!

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THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
NO ONE
SURVIVES
THE RAIN OF
FIRE!

YOU'RE
ALIVE!

H HOW?

SHE HAS
ALERTED
HIM. HOW
DO HE
SURVIVED?

WHAT'S
YOU'R-
WHAT'S
THIS ENERGY
AROUND
YOU?

HOW DID HE
SURVIVED?

I'M ABOUT TO
UNLEASH THE
DRAGON GOD
DECAPITATION
STRIKE.



JAH KIDE TRY
YOU DONT HAVE
TIME TO ABSORB
THE POWER
NEEDED FOR
THAT STORM!

SHE'S RIGHT! HE
COULDN'T HAVE
ABSORBED POWER
WHILE HE WAS
FIGHTING!

IT'S MY
INNER
FORCE.

THERE'S NO WAY
YOU HAVE ENOUGH
STRENGTH TO
PULL OFF THE
DRAGON GOD
DECAPITATION
STRIKE!

SO STOP
BLUFFING!
YOU DON'T
SCARE ME!

INNER...
FORCE?!

RAIN OF
FIRE!!

WE CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE OF
THIS...!

OUTER FORCE IS THE
OFFENSIVE ENERGY
YOU STRIKE WITH... BUT
INNER FORCE IS THE
DEFENSIVE ENERGY
YOU GATHER
INSIDE OF YOU.







CHAPTER 77
THE CHUNJOO (PART 6)

YEAH... THAT KNIFE
IN YOUR JUGULAR
WOULD BE MINE.

SIGH...
YOU REALLY
THINK THESE
FUNY DAGGERS
CAN KILL ME?

IF YOU'LL ALLOW
ME A CLICHE
SIZE DOESN'T
MATTER IT'S
WHERE YOU STAB
THAT COUNTS!

YOU KNOW,
LIKE CERTAIN
PRESSURE POINTS...

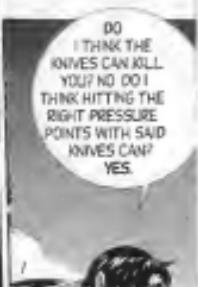
BEST
ENOUGH
TALK I'LL
SILENCE YOUR
WRITHING
TONGUE!

I AGREE...
THE TIME FOR
TALK IS OVER,
SCUMBAG!

HUH?!

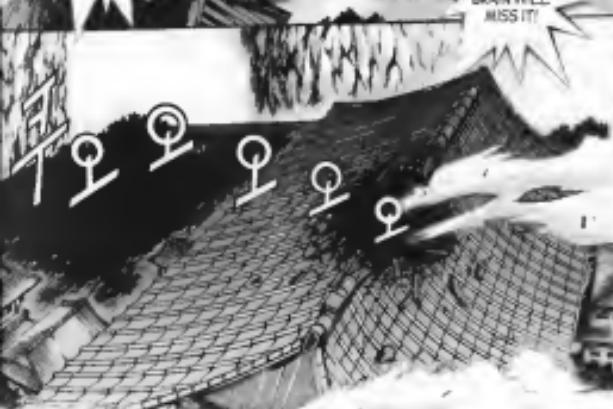
WHERE'D
HE COME
FROM?!







WELL, IT'S
NOT LIKE YOUR
BRAIN WILL
MISS IT!













CHONG-KWAN!!
YOU
TREACHEROUS
DOG!!









U-UNBELIEVABLE!
WITH ONLY THESE
MOVES SHE CUT
OUR FORCES
IN HALF!

WHO THE
HECK
IS SHE,
ANYWAY?

BUT, WHY,
WAL-HYANG?

OUR
PERSONAL
ISSUES CAN
WAIT.

NO NEED TO
GET ALL GOOEY!
THIS IS MERELY
A STRATEGIC
ALLIANCE!

IT'S NO MORE
MEANINGFUL
THAN A BUSINESS
TRANSACTION!

I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN THAT YOU
KILLED MY
FATHER!

CHONG-KWAN
BETRAYED ME,
TOO! SO STOP
ACTING LIKE MY
BODYGUARD...
AND BECOME MY
PARTNER!

ONCE WE SLAY
THESE VERMIN,
WE CAN
DEAL WITH
CHONG-KWAN
TOGETHER!

NOW—GET READY,
HYUN-JONG! HERE
THEY COME!

W-WAL-
HYANG .

WELL...THAT
DIDN'T GO
QUITE AS I
PLANNED...



TA-DAH!
I CALL THIS MY
"HACKING OFF
THE ARMS OF
BIG-MOUTHED
JACKASSSES"
TRICK!

I'LL SEE YOU
IN HELL, YOU
SONOFABITCH!

I MEAN,
REALLY DID YOU
ACTUALLY THINK
I'D FALL FOR THE
SAME TECHNIQUE
TWICE?

W-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!!
YOU'LL
KILL US
BOTH!

S-STOP
THAT, YOU
FOOL...!

ENSURING SA-W'S
SAFETY IS ALL
THAT MATTERS'
I COULD CARE
LESS WHAT
HAPPENS TO ME!

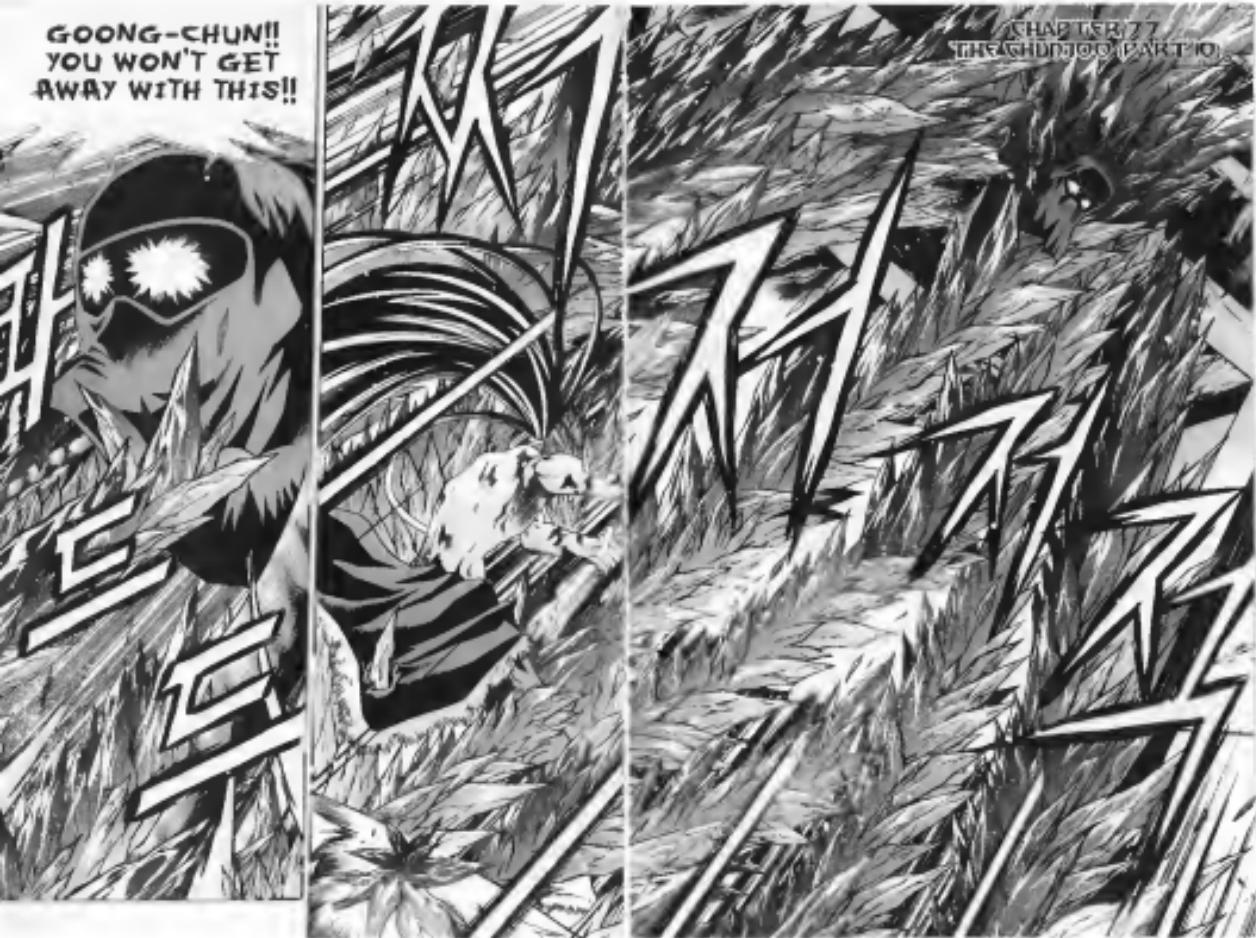
ICE DRAGON
SPEAR!

ICE WALL
ATTACK!!

M-NO! M-My
CAFE! IT'S
CAUGHT IN
THE ICE!

GOONG-CHUN!!
YOU WON'T GET
AWAY WITH THIS!!

CHAPTER 77
THE CHUNLOO PART 10



Y-YOU'VE
H-HAVEN'T
W-W-WON
Y-YET...!



AND IN CASE
YOU WERE
WONDERING...YES
I AM ENJOYING
THIS MOMENT
VERY MUCH SO
THANK YOU.

HOW...C-
OULD YOU...
S-SURVIVE...
EXPLO-
SION...?

GUESS I JUST
DON'T KNOW
MY OWN
STRENGTH

REH REH...
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
THINK...

??!

YOU'RE
BLUFFING.
YOU MUST
BE BRAVE,
TOO...

E-EETON YOU'LL
BE PAYING FOR
D-DEATH...

CRETIN...THE
YONG-CHUN'S
FOUND SR-NI
BY NOW! AND
CHONG-KWAN'S
SURELY TAKING
CARE OF
MONG-YEUN AS
WE SPEAK!

WHATEVER,
OLDIE JUST
SHUT UP AND
DIE, ALREADY!

WAHH

WHAT?!

OUR GIRL
HERE WAS
NOT ONLY TO
KILL YOU...
BUT TO
DISTRACT
YOU, AS
WELL!

NO.

DAMN IF WHAT
HE SAID IS TRUE,
IT'S ALREADY
TOO LATE!

THAT'S IT! IT'S
TIME TO SPLIT
THIS APPLE!



NO! I WON'T
ACCEPT THAT!
I MUST FIND
MONG-YEUN!



W-WAIT! SURE, YOU
CAN STRIKE ME
DOWN BUT WHAT
GOOD WILL THAT
REALLY DO?--









CHAPTER 77
THE CHUNJOO (PART II)









I DONT KNOW WHETHER
TO BE WORRIED OR
OFFENDED VERY WELL...
DRAGON! I COMMAND
YOU TO KILL ALL YOU
FIND AT CHUJOO
HEADQUARTERS!





THE END OF
ALL THINGS
BEGINS NOW!!

KAYA - THE SHAMANIC COUNCIL





CHAPTER 77
THE CHINJUO! PART 2





A DRAGON..??













NO! THEY'RE
DESTROYING
EVERYTHING! SEL-
PHONS-WHERE ARE
YOU?



The Studio Redstone Story (Chapter 14)

So, how'd you guys like Volume 14? I bet you're glad you picked this one up, huh? Talk about wall-to-wall action! Phew! And here's more good news...I've already finished working on Volume 15! All that's left is the coloring of the cover! Oh yeah, baby!

So, as you've probably guessed, I've been real busy these days. I wish I had some spare time to read some other comic books. But hey—I'm just happy that I draw comic books for a living for other people to read in their spare time.



Hong Seock

There's nothing new or exciting going on in Korea these days...except for the economy not being so hot. That goes for the comic book industry, too. It's not the only industry affected, but it's the one I'm most concerned about!

To forget my troubles these days, I like to play "The Battle of Three Countries," a Korean PS2 game. It's a cool game with lots of great action and a strong storyline.

But I'll try not to play it too much, so that the next issue will be finished that much sooner! So start saving your money! And don't forget to look for it at a bookstore near you!

Talk you guys soon!

Hong Seock

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Seo-Chong and Myung-Ho reunite with Goong-Chun at the Chunjo's headquarters, where Myung-Ho attempts to avenge his sister's death at the hands of Goong-Chun. But new allegiances may very well replace old grudges. And the Shamanic Council in Kaya isn't safe from Cho-Byung, but Sa-Mi's surrender to his command in order to save So-Chan and her people may prove a much better move. More exciting, heart-pounding, mystical, magical, special-techniques shouting action in the next volume of Dragon Hunter.

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